GREAT GUNS OF ITALIANS RAIN SHELLS ON AUSTRIANS

Nothing Like This Bombardment on Western more than three to one, have held Front, Says Von Wiegand-Thousands of Unburied Dead Lying Before Trenches.

By Karl H. von Wiegand.

(Special Cable Despatch to The World.)

WITH THE AUSTRIAN ARMY ON THE ISONZO, Doberdo Piateau Corps Headquarters of Archduke Joseph, Nov. 13 (by courier to Vienna, Hungary, and it might have necessivia Amsterdam, Nov. 19).-The fourth great battle for Goeritz and the tated drawing reinforcements from commanding heights of the Doberdo Plateau, still in the hands of the Serbian or Russian fronts, weak-Austro-Hungarian army under Gen. Boroevic, commenced two days ago ening the forces there, retarding the and is now on in full force and, under weather conditions, probably unexampled in any other of the numerous theatres of war.

The day and night cannonade of the concentrated Italian artillery. plendidly served, surpasses anything I saw during the June and Septem- rian forces are operating offensively ber offensives on the western front, while at Tarnow and Gorlice, where in Serbia and southern Russia, Gen. the Germans and Austrians smashed through the Russian lines by weight Borocvic is the "Anvil" of the Isonzo of iron and started the Russian steam roller moving backward until it front, upon which Gen. Cadorna's disappeared in the centre of the vast Muscovite Empire, is declared by these who were there, now here, as having been child's play in comparison. Prince Rupprecht between Arras and

The Doberdo Plateau and a portion of Mont Podgora are called "the hell." They justify the name. Nothing else could give a vague idea of the aghting and the conditions under which it is taking place. With the third battle on the Isonzo River lasting over three weeks of

almost uninterrupted fighting from Monfalcone on the Adriatic to Tolmino above Goerits, having brought the Italians no appreciable results, Count Ca- which time he has been on duty on dorna, the Italian generalissimo, two days ago began a fourth attack against the Doberdo Plateau and Goeritz.

my eyes open for them.

sacrifices, bravery and contribution to

they have only themselves to blame.

and take Goeritz and Trieste.

Less strategically, but politically

the Italian offensive on the Isonzo has

some analogous features to the at-

tempt of the Russians to break

This time, instead of a general attack upon Gen. Beroevic's front of abroad, that Austrians and Hungareighty kilometres (forty-nine miles), ians do not fight their best unless along the Isonzo from the Adriatic to Germans are among them has to be Telmino, Gen. Cadorna is concentrating the greater portion of his (eatimated) 1,500 guns, and throwing the full weight of his army against the Deberdo Plateau and the heights around Goeritz, on a front not exceeding ten or twelve miles.

HUGE ITALIAN GUNS ARE BAT TERING TRENCHES.

For two weeks it has rained in torrents. It has rained with but brief interruptions for the three days I have been on this front so far.

In the low places along the leenzo is a sea of mud. The men of the Austro-Hungarian army in the front hee are fighting in water and mud that at times reaches the hips, the trenches cut, drilled and blasted through the rock over the that I have been given the opportusteep heights during the heaviest nity to see something of the Austrian and Hungarian armies in the field. our are veritable mountain tor-

Into this mess the Italian heavy batteries, which include 30, 25 and 35 were appears to be greatly underesticentimetro (11.8, 13.7 and 14.8 inch) mated generally, especially the posmortars, and ship guns, from the flats | sible developments and bearing on the beyond the Isonzo pour a hall of big general situation of the central powers shells and shrapnel that give the should Gen. Cadorna succeed in heights and trenches the appearance breaking through the Austrian front

The bravery and unbelievable endurance of the troops under the inribable conditions, as I have seen them here, are almost incredible. Certainly the idea, so widespread through the Carpathians, where the

successful task, the terrific fighting, winter, in which Gen. Boroevic held a million Russians there while the Germans were enabled to operate leaving the most critical point in Gen. elsewhere, has never been appreciated or given the place in this war that it

he Isonzo, where Gen. Boroevic, Archiuke Joseph and Gen von Wura, the face of odds estimated at their lines with the same tenaciousness with which Gen. Boroevic held the Carpathians against the Russians. AUSTRIAN ARMY IS "ANVIL" OF

THE FIGHT. Had Gen. Cadorna succeeded making a way through the leonzo front in any of his three comparatively fruitless offensives, its political and moral effect in Italy would have been tremendous, it would not have been without moral effect in Austriasuccesses on these fronts proportionately, perhaps not without affecting to ome extent the general situation.

Thue, while Austrian and Hungablows have fallen, as is the Crown Ypres of the French and English, and German Crown Prince around Verdun and in the Argonne.

Accompanied by First Lieut, von Gartner, a cavalry officer, wounded in a cavalry attack in Russia, since Gen. Boroevic's staff. I arrived on the Doberdo Plateau yesterday from the general headquarters of Gen. Boroevic n a drenching rain,

Gen. Boroevic had kindly given me permission to visit the interesting points of his front, extending eighty revised here. So far I haven't seen a kilometres from Monfalcone to Tol-German, not even an officer or obmino, north of Goeritz. He gave me server, and I have particularly kept one of his staff automobiles, an orderly, a chauffeur and an officer, al-GREAT POLITICAL IMPORTANCE though automobile .ires are almost ATTACHES TO THE BATTLE. worth their weight in gold, and gasoline is not far from \$1 a gallon. If the Austrians and Hungarians have not received their just share of MONT SAN MICHELE IS KEY TO the credit, glory and prestige of their

SITUATION. Roughly, the present Isonso front the situation of the central powers, begins at the Adriatic, south of Monfalcone. It runs east of that town, So far as I am aware I am the first which is in the hands of the Italians, foreign correspondent permitted to along the edge of the Doberdo Plavisit the Isonzo front, although the teau to near Sagrado, and thence Italian war has now been on for six slong the castern bank of the Isonzo months. In fact, it is the first time to above Gradiecs, which is also in

Italian possession. It crosses the Isonzo halfway be-tween Gradisca and Goeritz, touching in the entire fifteen months of war within 200 yards of the southern out-skirts of Goeritz, and thence along the southwestern slope of Mont Pod-gora, the steep hill of 800 feet which commands Goeritz. Italian conflict in the series of world

At varying altitudes of 250 to 200 feet it runs easterly to St. Florian and the west slope of Mont Sabotino, the second key to Goeritz, thence on the west bank of the Isonzo to Plava.

Here the Italian line crosses the river to the east side of that town and there is flerce fishting for Britof, and along the general line of the Isonzo to Tolmino, which is still in the hands of the Austrians and Hungarians.

The key to the Austro-Hungarian line is the Doberdo Plateau, rising varyingly from 325 to 655 feet above the Isonzo Valley, with numerous peaks even higher. The plateau forms a sharp semicircle in the line. The key not only to the plateau but to Goeritz and to the entire Austrian Isonzo front is Mont San Michele, a long ridge-like height with three knobs, the highest of which is about the shells than disconcerned about the shells that a sieve, we floud the wary.

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A shell from one of the Italian guns, feeling in the darkne

ITALIANS PAY HEAVILY FOR treasured sleep. ADVANCES ON PLATEAU.

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The Italians have secured a firm footing on the edge of the Doberdo Plateau and at some places advanced their arenches somewhat at terrible cost, but at other points have made no appreciable progress. The most desperate fighting is on the slopes of San Michele, Pedgora and Babetino, which, if the Italians should succeed in taking them, would mean the loss of Goeritz for the Austrians, and the probable untenability of the entire present line.

Especially has Cadorna been directing his attacks in the last two days for the possession of San Michele, which he appears intent on having at whatever cost.

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trenches on San Michele have been taken and retaken repeatedly. To-day again a terrific conflict was waged there all day.

The acuthwestern knob of San Michele is known as the "Mountain of Corpses," from the heaps of Italian dead there in front of the Austrian and Hungarian trenches, into which a veritable hall of shells at times is rending, tearing and throwing fragments of the long dead in all directions. The picture is declared to be beyond imagination in ghastliness.

An officer of one regiment told methere were over 2,000 dead immediately in front of the line held by his regiment, and Archduke Joseph estimated that there were more than 10,000 unburied dead in front of his line.

The Doberdo Plateau is tactically

ood unburied dead in front of his line.

The Doberdo Plateau is tactically not an advantageous line of defense for Gen. Beroevic, and it was originally not planned to make a stand there against the Italians. Because of its defensive disadvantages no steps were taken to prepare positions, but when the Italians sustained their first repulse there, and it was found a stand could be made, orders came to hold the line, and it has been held.

Through the sharp bend in the form of a haif ellipse which the plateau makes in the line the Italians with their splendid artillery make the Hungarian trenches on San Michele a veritable hell by catching the Aus-Hungarian trenches on San Michele a veritable hell by catching the Austrian and Hungarian lines both from front and rear. With their heavy batteries near Monfalcone they rain shells into the rear of the Austrian and Hungarian lines facing northward on the plateau, and with gune behind the heights westward of Podgora they catch the southwesterly facing lines of the semi-circle in the rear.

rear.

Doberdo Plateau is held by the Archduke Joseph, the defender of Dukla Pass, and known as the Budapester, because he is the only Archduke living there. His corps is almost wholly Hungarian, with a sprinkling of Roumanians from Transylvania, and is to a large extent the same troops comprising the corps of same troops comprising the corps of Gen. Boroevic's army with which the

Archduke Joseph held Dukia Pass, the strategically vital pass of the Carpathians, against the Russian on-

daily better," said the Archduke.

"The Italians come on with tremendous elan. The shock is much greater than in Russian charges, but the first shock once withstood, the Italians quickly flow back, while the Russians come slowly but steadily on until shot down.

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The Italian temperament and im-"The Italian temperament and impulsiveness manifests itself in his an Car & Fdy...

nighting. As a rule I place small Am. If a Leah pf credence in the statements of prisoners. Charges are nearly always made Am. Lecomotive by fresh troops, and these, when they have made one charge and been repulsed, are taken to the rear and siver fry pulsed, are taken to the rear and given a long rest, which Gen. Cadan, Tel. Am. Tel. Am.

70,000 SHELLS A DAY INTO ONE SECTOR. He said there is a marked difference between the fighting of the Southern and Northern Italian. The Archduke voiced an admiration of Gen. Ca-dorna's artillery which I found to be general on the entire line. He spoke especially of the tremendous num-ber of guns, which he estimated at 1,500, of which 150 are of the beaviest

The Archduke drew out a map on which the approximate position of the lines was shown. The Italian's tac-tics, he said, had changed in the last few days, in that he was concentrat-ing his attacks, especially the artil-lery, against the Archduke's Doberdo lines. He said there had been days when the Italians fired 70,000 shelis and shrappell in his sector. The Archduke gave me permission to visit various points.

"But you must leave there at day." Make Petroleum, Make a Petroleum,

"But you must leave there at day-break or lie in a cavern or hole all day, as all approaches are under shell fire," he said.

At an uncarthly hour, under the guidance of a Captain of the staff, who is in charge of the ammunition supply columns to the front, I started for San Michele.

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"I suppose you have long before this made your peace with the beyond, for even at night every cow path in rear of our lines is under the scatter or spread fire of the Italian artillery, in hope of catching an ammunition or supply column," warned the Archduke's Chief of Staff.

To a describing rear that soon want. Staff.

whatever cost.

Like the famous sugar factory at
Southes on the west front, the
Wilozynski, a butcher, of No. 163
trenches on San Michele have been
East Houston Street, whom she ac-

out of prison. I gave it.

"He did not come to marry me, so
I went to see the grocery store and
found only a lumber yard. Last night
Wilczynski came for more money and
I had him arrested."
"I are sorry madam, but I do not

"I am sorry, madam, but I do not see any criminal act in all this," said the Magistrate. "The next time you go to buy a husband you'd better have him sent up C. O. D. He is discharged."

ITEMS FOR INVESTORS. S. S. Kresge Company, regular quar-terly dividend of 13-4 per cent on pre-ferred and semi-annual dividend of 3 per cent on common stocks, both payable Jan. 3 to record of Nov. 27.

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Copper metal was advanced in price to 191-2 cents per pound by leading copper agencies.

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General Electric Company, regular quarterly dividend of 2 per cent., pay-able Jan. 15 to record of Dec. 15.

ARCHDUKE HAS ONLY PRAISE fairly active, changes in prices were The Archduke received me in his working room at corps headquarters, where I was presented to his imperial Highness by his General Staff Chief, Lieut, Coi.—. Were much less active. Railroad is much feeling that the chief of the public Pass was terrible to the control of the co "The Dukia Pass was terrible dur- advanced to 1173-4. The usual raid The Dukia Fass was terrible during those months, but it was no more
difficult than our task here for
several months against great odds,
and in the past weeks under fearful
weather conditions," remarked the
Archduke, after expressing his pleaspart of the decline. Oil stocks were

Archduke, after expressing his pleasure and extending me an invitation to visit his lines.

The Archduke is a soft spoken, very pleasant man, unaffectedly democratic, and, I found, exceedingly popular with his troops, where he takes a keen personal interest in the common soldier. Officers and men spoke in high terms of him, which I did not find to be the case with all members of the nobility and aristocracy holding high rank in the army.

"Do the Italians fight well?" I asked.

"At first they were inclined to be shy, but now they fight well, and daily better," said the Archduke.

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> If this be so, the cases of Boy-Ed and Fapen will be handled by the State Department at Washington, both officials of the German Govern-

ment being immune from the opera-tion of the Federal laws. Photographs of Franz von Rintelin, mentioned in the case of Andrew D. Meloy relative to a fraudulent pass-

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